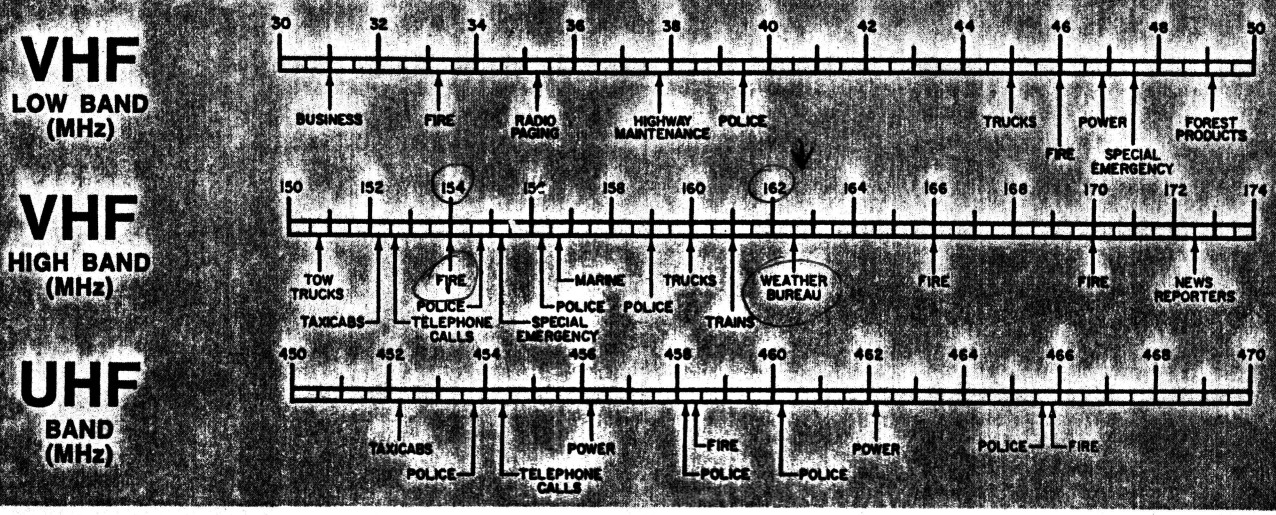
Exciting listening on the FM Public Service Bands

There are 3 bands in the "public service area" of the frequency spectrum. According to provisions in the Communications Act, passed by Congress in 1934, anyone can listen to any signal transmitted on any frequency but content of the information heard cannot be used for "private gain".

Shown below is a chart of the three bands with "call-outs" indicating the general frequency areas in which various user categories are licensed by the FCC.



National 10 Codes

Number codes are often used for transmission brevity in each of the three bands. Complete interpretation of the codes from 0 through 99 is shown below.

10-0 Caution
10-1 Unable to copy—Change Location
10-2 Signal Good
10-3 Stop Transmitting
10-4 Acknowledgement
10-5 Relay
10-6 Busy—Standby unless Urgent
10-7 Out of Service (Give location and telephone number)
10-8 In Service
10-9 Repeat
10-10 Fight in Progress
10-11 Dog Case (Specify)
10-12 Standby (Stop)
10-13 Weather and Road Report
10-14 Report of Prowler
10-15 Civil Disturbance
10-16 Domestic Trouble
10-17 Meet Complainant
10-18 Complete Assignment Quickly
10-19 Return to _____
10-20 Location
10-21 Call _____ by Telephone
10-22 Disregard
10-23 Arrived at Scene
10-24 Assignment Completed
10-25 Report in person to _____
10-26 Detaining Subject—Expedite
10-27 Drivers License Information (MCF)
10-28 Vehicle Registration Information
10-29 Check Records for Wanted
10-30 Illegal Use of Radio
10-31 Crime in Progress
10-32 Man with a Gun
10-33 Emergency
10-34 Riot
10-35 Major Crime Alert
10-36 Correct Time
10-37 Investigate Suspicious Vehicle
10-38 Stopping Suspicious Vehicle (Give complete description before stop)
10-39 Urgent—Use Red Light & Siren
10-40 Silent Run—no Light or Siren
10-41 Beginning Tour of Duty
10-42 Ending Tour of Duty
10-43 Information
10-44 Request permission to leave patrol for _____
10-45 Animal carcass in _____ lane at _____
10-46 Assist Motorist
10-47 Emergency Road Repairs Needed
10-48 Traffic Standard Needs Repairs
10-49 Traffic Light Out
10-50 Accident—PI, PD, F
10-51 Wrecker Needed
10-52 Ambulance Needed
10-53 Road Blocked
10-54 Livestock on Highway
10-55 Intoxicated Driver
10-56 Intoxicated Pedestrian
10-57 Hit & Run—(PD, PI, F)
10-58 Direct Traffic
10-59 Convoy or Escort
10-60 Squad in Vicinity
10-61 Personnel in Area
10-62 Reply to Message
10-63 Prepare to Make Written Copy
10-64 Message for Local Delivery
10-65 Net Message Assignment
10-66 Message Cancellation
10-67 Clear to Read Net Message
10-68 Dispatch Information
10-69 Message Received
10-70 Fire Alarm
10-71 Advise Nature of Fire (Size, type, etc.)
10-72 Report Progress of Fire
10-73 Smoke Report
10-74 Negative
10-75 In Contact with _____
10-76 Enroute
10-77 ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival)
10-78 Need Assistance
10-79 Notify Coroner
10-80 Chase in Progress
10-81 Breathalyzer Report
10-82 Reserve Lodging
10-83 Work school Xing at _____
10-84 If Meeting _____ Advise ETA
10-85 Delayed due to _____
10-86 Officer/Operator on duty
10-87 Pick up Checks for Distribution
10-88 Advise Present Telephone Number of _____
10-89 Bomb Threat
10-90 Bank Alarm at _____
10-91 Pick Up Personnel, Prisoners, or Property
10-92 Improperly Parked Vehicle
10-93 Blockade
10-94 Drag Racing
10-95 Prisoners, Subjects, or Property in Custody
10-96 Mental Subject
10-97 Check (test signal)
10-98 Prison or Jail Break
10-99 Records Indicate Wanted or Stolen

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